





## LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

The February No. of *Godey's Lady's Book* is before us. It is a splendid specimen of artistic excellence, and in its literary details is unusually interesting. The first page is ornamented with one of the most life-like engravings we ever saw. It represents the "Little Image Merchant" at the door of a cottage, displaying his store of images to the rustic cottagers, who seem to be asking the little vendor a thousand questions, while the juvenile portion of the family, sport in joyous gambols as they view the wonderfully pretty things before them. The Fashion Plate is in admirable taste, and is thus described by the editor:

Fig. 1a.—Dress of pale primrose taffeta, a shade that is often called straw color, and one of the favorites for evening wear. The skirt has a deep puffed flounce of white tulle, commenced six inches above the hem, and continued almost to the waist. This is fastened by knots of primrose without foliage. The corsage and sleeves are trimmed with puffs to correspond. Hair arranged in a rolled bandeau around the back of the head, mixed with ribbons of bright royal blue.

Fig. 2d.—Robe of white silk, with flounces woven in a showy pattern of embroidery. The same executed by the needle would be twice the cost. A raised blue satin stripe in festoons completes the design. Plain corsage, with draped *berthe* of the same, edged by a handsome full of blonde; full sleeves, trimmed with double row of blonde; a ribbon to correspond across the border of the flounces is disposed across the *berthe* and on the sleeves. Hair in full wavy bandeau, with a tulle in wrought gold across the forehead, and plume of ostrich feathers disposed on the left side.

The *Lady's Book* and *Arthur's Magazine*, containing together about 2,000 pages and 800 engravings, can both be had one year for \$3.50.

## CUTTING UPON NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA FASHIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

Every one being supplied with winter bonnets and wraps, the invention of fashionable mantuamakers and the purchases of their customers are chiefly confined to evening dress. It is, indeed, the height of the party-going season, and notwithstanding the cry of "hard times," and the warnings of almost daily commercial crashes, invitations are given and accepted, shopping and preparations still go on. There never was a time since we assumed the pleasant task of fashion-reporter for the "Lady's Book"—more years than a fashionable belle would care to own—when the luxuries of life, particularly of dress, were so within the reach of moderate means. The very failures we have alluded to, and the consequent sacrifices of "stock on hand," have been the cause of this, and we have before noticed how cheaply silks are afforded. Laces and embroideries, curtains, carpets, and furniture, are the past and present month included in the list.

For matrons and young married ladies, rich stuffs, such as *moire*, taffeta, etc., are worn as evening dress. The stripes and blacks, of alternate *moire* and velvet, or satin and taffeta, in high contrasting colors, are very much in favor. Gold and white, white and rose, blue, or cherry color, have a brilliant evening effect. *Moires* of crimson, wine color, or of either mixed with black, are very becoming to blondes. They are usually made very full and plain, relieved by blonde, Honiton, or any rich lace *berthe* and sleeves. To flounce so heavy a material except with lace, would be "painting the lily."

Taffetas are flounced with the same, and generally come in robes, with the flounces bordered by a pattern in bright contrasting colors, or the same, or a darker shade of the same in raised velvet or satin. Black is used as a contrast to everything, and black velvet ribbon may be used safely on any article of dress, or with any color—elk, dress, or bonnet—brown, red, green or blue. It was never so universally applied, from the broadest bands to the narrowest ribbon.

Among the most costly evening-dresses, we notice one of pink *cherry* or royal velvet; there was no trimming on the skirt, the corsage was low and pointed, with *revers* or folds from the shoulder to the point, of pink satin, edged by Honiton lace about an inch wide, set on plain; the sleeves were trimmed in the same way. In the hair were sprays of white acacia; brooch and bracelet of pearls. The whole dress was exceedingly rich, at the same time in perfect taste.

Another, intended for an older lady, was of black and green striped silk, the sleeves in the Louis XVI. style, tight in the upper part, shaped slightly to the elbow, where they are terminated by a deep full; above this are two narrow frills, edged by black lace, raised by two bows of ribbon with flowing ends.

Some very magnificent bridal dresses have recently been made for two fashionable weddings. The first was of white satin, having the skirt almost entirely covered by a very deep flounce of Honiton lace, headed by a very narrow frill of the same. The corsage is high, and fastened by pendent buttons formed of diamonds or rock crystal. The sleeves, which are composed of small puffs separated by frills of lace, are close at the wrist, and terminated by a *revers*, or turned-up cuff of Honiton lace. A rich Honiton lace collar falls over the upper part of the corsage. A bouquet, consisting of full-blown white azaleas and orange-blossoms, is fixed at the point in front of the waist by a bow of satin ribbon with long flowing ends. In the hair, a wreath of azaleas and orange-blossoms—Bridal veil of lace. White kid gloves, fastened by double buttons in rock crystal. White satin shoes.

The other was of white *moire antique*, with three flounces of the most beautiful Honiton lace, each about a quarter of a yard deep. The flounces are placed over a trimming of tulle fastened to the skirt, and consisting of *bourlons* in sets of four or five; each of these sets is of the same depth as the flounce which it supports, and thus assists materially in showing off the beauty of the lace. The corsage is high, and fastened up the front by pearl buttons. A bow of white *moire* ribbon, placed at the lower part of the corsage in front of the waist, fixes the bridal bouquet, which consists of azaleas made of white velvet, and orange-blossoms made of organza. The bridal veil of Honiton lace is attached by a couffure of white ostrich feathers and foliage in white crepe.

Of course, these were intended for grand full-dress receptions; plainer dresses of less expensive white silk, with blonde or illusion veils and trimmings, are the usual style this winter.

Among the newest wedding bonnets, we have seen one composed of white, blonde, and trimmed with two small plumes of ostrich feathers. In the inside the trimming consists of a wreath of jasmine, magnolia, and honeysuckle. This wreath passes over the top of the *bandeau*, and forms bouquets at the sides. Another bonnet is of white therry velvet, ornamented with applications of blonde. White flowers, small tufts of marabout and blonde, form the inside trimming.

Among the new wreaths for the hair, the Astor is one of the prettiest and lightest; it is made in feathers, with erape foliage. Wreaths of camilla, clematis, honeysuckle, and magnolia, are also very pretty and suitable for young persons. The new bridal wreaths have orange-flowers, of course, mixed with either lily of the valley, white carnation, jasmine, or clematis.

The *bache* given in our "Novelties for February" is very much in favor for married ladies, whether young or old. They come of blonde, Maltese, Honiton, white or black Brussels lace. The last are perhaps the most elegant. They may be worn either plain, as in the cut, or looped back by flowers or ribbon. They should be disposed at the back of the head, over the comb and braid, falling towards the shoulder; the front hair in full puffs, *bandeaux*, or curls.

We give, in conclusion, two walking-dresses, rather plainer than the usual style this winter. The first is extremely elegant, at the same time being a silk combined of *deps* and *moire antique*, in stripes; the last a bright royal blue, the *revers* of fawn, checked with black. The skirt perfectly plain; the basque in jacket style, edged with silk in colors to correspond with the dress. The sleeves are demilong, with two broad frills, one above, the other below the elbow, edged with the same fringe.

The other is a walking-dress for a young lady, of cinnamon-brown merino, the skirt very full and plain. Jacket corsage, the basque being very long, and edged with a broad band of black velvet; sleeves loose, with turned-up cuffs of black velvet; full undersleeves of Nansook, and a deep *parti* collar—that is, with plain, deep hem, done in open stitch. This is at once simple and stylish. FASHION.

THE LAST OF THE VIRGINIA INDIANS.—Mr. C. F. H. Crockett, in a communication published in a late number of the Religious Herald, gives the following interesting account of a visit to the last of the Virginia Indians:

"A ride of thirty miles took me to the celebrated 'White House' in New Kent, where General Washington was married to Mrs. Custis. I was kindly received, and shared in the true Virginia hospitality of Mr. Francis Nelson and his excellent family. Next morning I crossed the river to the King William side, where is a settlement of the *Chickahominy* Indians. They are now called Pamunkey, from the river, upon which they suppose they have resided some 200 years. They have a tract of about 600 acres of land, nearly half of which is swamp, mostly overflowed by water. The tract is an island at high, and a peninsula at low tide.

"There is no pure Indian blood among them. There are here nearly 100 souls; some eight or ten are engaged as sailors; and a few are living in the surrounding country. Of the sixteen families, thirteen are mixed with white, and three have some individuals of a darker color. They have small houses and cabins scattered over the settlement, on small farms, which they cultivate; and almost every year have corn to sell. Some of them seem to be industrious, and managing for an uncultivated people. The river abounds with fish, which they take with seines, and sell in Richmond and the regions round about.

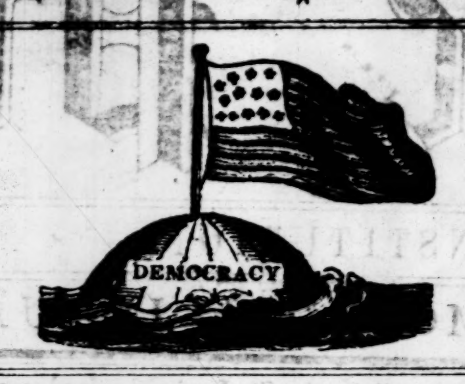
Failing to get across the river, I spent the night among the Indians. A little before dark I announced that I would talk to them on the subject of a better life. In a short time some twenty-five were assembled. I read the 2d of Hebrews; and, after singing and prayer, spoke of the salvation by Christ, its greatness, importance, the danger of neglecting it, &c. After the hymn I called on one of them, who made a sensible and fervent prayer. I never saw a more orderly company. They seemed to sing with the spirit and the understanding, and during the prayers to be engaged. Those who profess religion are members of a Baptist Church a few miles from them. They say their first baptism was about seventy years ago. Their list of members was made out in 1837, since which time thirty-three have died, eight being excluded, (others excluded have been restored,) and there are now forty-two in fellowship. They go to church once a month, and each Lord's day beside have meeting among themselves, when they read the Scriptures, exhort, sing and pray. The leader at these meetings, commonly is John Langston, the elder of the three heads of the band. He can read and write, and a few others can read. They expect to build a meeting house on their land this year, and desire that the General Association will send them a preacher, who will preach for them at least once or twice a month. Their post office is Lanesville, King William county, Va.

"Some ten miles from the *Chickahominy* are six families, altogether about twenty-five Indians, who are called *Mataponi*, from the river on which they are settled. They have about seventy acres of land. None of them are of pure Indian blood, being mixed; some with white, and others a darker hue—a few are quite dark. A wife and daughter of one of these Indians have recently united with Colosse church, to which the other Indians belong. Some of these Indians spend the Lord's day in revelry and dancing. A woman about seventy-five years old informed me that her grandmother told her mother they were originally from the Creek Indians. Will Christians pray for these Indians, and send them something to read?"

Old Squire R—was elected Judge of the Inferior Court of some county in Georgia. When he got home his delighted wife exclaimed, "Now, my dear, you are a Judge, what an I?" "The same damned old fool you always was," was the reply.

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## Democratic Pioneer.



TUESDAY MORNING, Jan. 23, 1855.

## CONGRESS.

Since our last issue this body has been engaged principally in the consideration of amendments to the Land Bill, and the bill to amend and modify the judicial system of the United States. On Tuesday last the Pacific Railroad Bill was taken up in the House, when Mr. Benton made a speech in favor of withdrawing the subject from the consideration of Congress, and of allowing the Road to be constructed by private enterprise. Mr. Benton was replied to by Mr. McDougall, in defence of the bill.

We have nothing interesting from the State Legislature to report.

Those of our citizens who desire to attack Lightning Rods to their houses, are referred to the advertisement of James H. Reed, in another column.

## DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.

The Schemers of a Know Nothing Lodge not a hundred miles from this place were considerably nonplussed recently by the application of a foreigner for membership. The idea had got into their heads some how or other (some sagacious friend had told them, we presume) that one of the cardinal principles of the Society was to war against foreigners; and yet they didn't like to lose the opportunity of adding one to their number. In this dilemma they invoked the "Big Insurgents" of the Tribe, away up in New York somewhere, for counsel. The Council replied by advising them to forfeit their organization and take to their "horn books!" So the story goes.

Hon. Moses Norris, U. S. Senator from New Hampshire died in Washington, D. C., on the 11th inst., after an illness of a few days. Senator Norris was a man of excellent abilities, a moral character above suspicion, and a Democrat of the true national stamp. He was the firm friend and intimate acquaintance of President Pierce.

Bennett, of the New York Herald, has a little dog Tray following in the wake of the Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia. To the astonishment of the vast audience assembled to hear Mr. Wise in Petersburg, the speaker referred to the dog and pointed out the sickly pimp with perfect accuracy. Will Know-Nothings, in the proud old Commonwealth of Virginia, who profess to be battling against foreign influence, submit to this disgraceful intermeddling with their affairs by the paid servant of a hireling Northern press.

ANOTHER.—The "Old North State" copies a portion of an article which appeared in the last issue of this paper, and represents us as charging the "Know Nothings" with being a "pack of howling thieves," and accounts for our vindictiveness in the following language: "An election is to take place next summer, and if too many Democrats join the Order, somebody may lose a seat in Congress, through the instrumentality of this 'pack of howling thieves.'" Now we dislike to charge our cotemporary with unfairness, but the trick is so palpable and ungenerous, that we cannot permit it to pass in silence. We did not denounce the Order of Know Nothings as a "pack of howling thieves," and if the editor had given our whole article, instead of using just so much as suited his purpose, there is not a school boy in Christendom who would have made the same deduction with himself. Here is what we said, in referring to the doings of Congress:

The proceedings of this body up to date possess little or no interest. The people's money is being wasted by thousands in the per diem of miserable political demagogues and hucksters, who seek to pander to the new-born abortion by joining the whining cry against foreign influence. On Thursday last, a pack of howling thieves, through their chosen organ, Sumner, presented a petition, praying that Congress may impose a head tax of not less than \$250 per head on immigrants hereafter arriving from any foreign country. Were we in Congress we should vote for such a bill conditioned upon this amendment—that a tax like that should be assessed upon every head born North of Mason's & Dixon's line, who should be found south of that line after the date of the passage of the act.

The latter clause of our article, which we have italicized for the purpose of directing special attention to it, was omitted by the "Old North State." We are willing to be tried by our word, but we submit whether they should not be taken as they are written. Will not our neighbor make the amende?

John S. Barbour, Sr., a distinguished citizen of Virginia, died recently at his residence in Culpepper county in that State.

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## THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

In the present condition of parties no Democrat can fail to experience true pride from a candid review of the political field, for the last half century, overgrown as it is with the baneful and hateful influence which, like mushrooms, have sprung up in a night, exhaled their stinking breath upon society and disappeared, at the first glance of honest truth. Amid the mutations of time and the machinations of cunning and designing aspirants for place, but one party has maintained its identity and integrity—but one of all the political associations contemporaneous with the formation and progressive history of our country, can at this time claim a vital, healthy existence,—and, holding its head boldly to public gaze, say "I am not ashamed of myself and my associations"—and that is the Democratic party! How cheering to the heart of the veteran in the faith of liberal, republican principles, must the reflection be, as he scans the present and prospective greatness of the Republic, that his labors have been effectual, and that experience has amply confirmed the utility and value of the great governmental doctrines promulgated and impressed upon the sound judgment of the nation, by himself and his compatriots! How encouraging to the young but ardent recruit in this glorious service to know that he has embarked in a cause which time itself has stamped with the seal of approval, and history has recorded as a land-mark, sure and steadfast, for the conduct of future generations.

The practicability and wisdom of Democratic policy, are not matter for speculation and conjecture. Everywhere throughout the broad expanse of our happy land the proof is gratifying and abundant. A proper regard for the rights and independence of the several States has thrown around the federal head a bulwark of security and protection, which gives assurance of unity and strength as a nation, which has enlisted the admiration of struggling freedom in every country, and has even extorted from towering and haughty monarchies the homage of the most unexpected respect. An economical administration of the affairs of government has kept the financial arm free and buoyant; and whether pursuing the paths of peace and industry, or prosecuting war for the redress of injuries done to our citizens or insults offered to our flag, the national Treasury has always been enabled to maintain a sound and unquestionable credit.

The magic touch of free-trade has transformed us from a colony of peddlars into a nation of commercial importance unsurpassed by any country in the world. The sterile ledges of the Northern promontories have been fashioned into magnificent marts for trade and merchandise, adorned and ornamented by the "merchant princes" who have grown fat and opulent upon the swelling current of commerce which has set in upon them from every quarter of the globe. And the South, too, has kept steady pace in the conflict for wealth and improvement. The products of her cotton fields have brought to her coffers the means of constructing railroads, cutting canals, macadamizing turnpikes, and developing her untold mineral and agricultural resources. Already the desert blossoms as the rose, and along the once trackless wastes of almost endless prairies, the iron-horse plows his course bearing in his train the unmistakable evidences of thrift and prosperity.

A National Bank no longer cumber the industrial interests of the country by sustaining a monied aristocracy at the cost of the sweat and toil and social equality of the masses of the people. But in its stead we have a sound money currency, resting exclusively upon the amount of precious metal constantly flowing into the public vaults, and which serves the medium of a swindling, cheating, lying paper "promise to pay"—no rags—no ship-lashers, with the imposing Aldermanic proportions of Lank, Scamp & Co., engraved upon their face—nothing but the hard, ringing metal—the very dollars and cents, recognized in any country, compressed into coin and engraved with the signet of genuineness. These, and a thousand like blessings, are the result of Democratic policy; and in these is to be found the secret of the stability and vigorous maturity of the great Democratic party at the present time. How gloriously does this picture contrast with the dejected, emaciated, sinking condition of its great antipodes, the once powerful Whig party! Its name almost blisters the tongues of those who in by-gone years sang hosannas to its immortality, and hissing curses are substituted for benignant invocations. In its death-struggle it grasps at anything, and the flesh-pots are the great reservoirs of its fading hopes—its earthly dreams. Upon these is now concentrated all that burst of eloquence which gave form and interest to the scheme for establishing a Bank—for foisting upon the country a Protective Tariff, and a system of Internal Improvements by the General Government—for squandering the public funds, and depriving the several States of their independence. To accomplish this, they have arrogated their name, once so endearing, disavowed the history of their leaders, and baptized themselves in the damning pools of secret conclave—in midnight orgies—in sack-cloth and ashes they have buried themselves for a resurrection more debasing than awaits the meanest of the fallen angels. Who would have thought it? Twenty years ago, who would have had the temerity to assert, that "Shanks of Adams, Webster, Clay, and Taylor" lie yoked under miseries that could be remedied?

their sight—hold fast your sepulchral ornaments, lest your very spirits sicken with loathing. It is often asserted that the Whig party is dead, and that the truth of prophecy has been verified in its demise; but we warn our Democratic friends against such a belief. We implore them to stand as vigilantly by their colors as if they momentarily expected an attack from their ancient enemies. Turn your backs upon secret political societies of every description; but more particularly upon the insidious approaches of that modern adjunct of Abolitionism, which comes in the questionable garb of Whig endorsement. The Whig party is not dead. It exists upon the garbage thrown from the kennels of New York fanaticism! It picks up crumbs of comfort that fall from the tables of Buntline, Bennett, Hale & Co., and in its desperation seeks refuge in the caverns of Know-Nothingism.

## OUR MINISTER TO SPAIN.

It is stated upon reliable authority that Mr. Soule, who was sent to Madrid shortly after the inauguration of the present administration, has resigned, and that he is to be succeeded by Mr. Breckenridge, the present member of Congress from the Ashland District in Kentucky. While we are free to admit that a better selection might have been made in the first instance, we are far from visiting upon Mr. Soule any very great censure on account of his course as the representative of the United States at the Court of Spain, and under existing circumstances we are not disposed to rejoice at the step he has thought proper to take. Anterior to his arrival in Spain upon his ministerial mission, the public mind of that country had been excited to the highest pitch by the misrepresentations of a miserable, hireling, time-serving press at home, in regard to his ultra notions of civil freedom, and his withering hatred of everything monarchical, together with grave whispers of his filibustering proclivities; all of which tended to render him odious, not only in the sight of the Spanish Crown and ministry, but also to alienate the esteem of his fellow diplomats representing the governments of England and France at the same Court. These obstacles to a successful embassy, he had overcome in a great measure, and upon his return to Madrid from the Convention at Ostend, he was received with marked favor and distinction, and we sincerely believe was in a situation to effect as much for our interest as any man we could have sent.

Mr. Breckenridge is a most excellent appointment, and the country has every confidence in his ability and integrity; but we fear that he will soon discover that the Spanish mission is anything but a bed of roses, and that his predecessor was not so bad after all.

## THE ENGLISH TROOPS IN THE CRIMEA.

A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, who writes from the seat of war in the East, represents the condition of the English troops to be most deplorable. They are quite destitute of proper and healthy food, and even the quality upon which they are forced to subsist, bad as it is, is dealt out to them in very meagre rations. He says: "Their rations in November consisted of navy biscuit, hard as a stone and rather impregnated with something indured with life, together with either salt beef or salt pork, and it was quite an unexpected pleasure whenever the poor fellows succeeded in obtaining fresh provisions. Rice had formerly been served out to them, but it was now furnished to the Turks, to make *filan* on their fast-days, an event very repugnant to the allies. Many little comforts formerly dispensed to them, have been cut off, and with vile rum for a beverage; disease and starvation stalk boldly through the midst of an almost decimated army."

Again, another feature of suffering is the want of sufficient clothing. It is not rare to see a man without a shirt, and with his toes out of his boots; I have witnessed such, and frequently. Even the best dressed man in the ranks has but one shirt, which he finds time to wash about once a month, though that is a privilege known only to a happy few. The month of November is, and has been, a very rainy month; and when we consider that these Englishmen, who have till lately lived so comfortably in their depots, are engaged in picket or trench work for 24 or 12 hours, as the case may be, through a pelting rain, and having no dry clothes to change, are obliged to sleep as they are, it is wonderful that so many are able to bear up. I have seen a detachment go out to the trenches to act as a covering party, and stand for 12 hours exposed to a pitiless storm of wind and rain; I have seen the same detachment return to their encampment, creeping on all fours, through mud and water, in the ditch, while the enemy's balls were flying around them; and I have seen the men careworn and haggard, throw themselves beneath their tents to take a short and restless sleep in their drenched habiliments. Why is this destructive system allowed? The constitution of man cannot long stand under such a state of things. And it does not; for I have seen men dragged cold and stiff from their cheerless resting place, and consigned to a hastily dug grave. Official accounts speak of men killed and wounded in some skirmish or sortie, of so many sick in the hospital at Balaklava; but they never tell us how many have died in their tents, sinking under miseries that could be remedied.

## THE CUBAN PURCHASE QUESTION SETTLED.

The Cortes recently in session in Madrid had under consideration the sale of Cuba, which was decided negatively with almost perfect unanimity. It was declared that the sale of Cuba would be the sale of Spanish honor. So the question of purchase by the United States Government is settled, and, it would seem from the tone of the speakers who participated in the debate, without remedy. What will be the result of this decision upon the filibustering spirit in this country we are unable to conjecture, though we hardly think it calculated to dampen the ardor of those who never anticipated using the persuasive eloquence of gold and silver in getting possession of the "Queen of the Antilles."

## Ma. Editor.—As you may have

ere this, we have in our midst a new and interesting fact. A gentleman from the county of Chowan, who has been in the shackles of whiggery, 30 days of August last, that our but now cowed assailants, in their former garb, have attained to in attractive apparel, introduced a test style in abolition cities, with concealed beneath, in order to their darkness, and there rob of their Democrats who are too ignorant and sophisticated to suspect the injury to them.

Our neighbor of the "Old North State" does us injustice when it says, "the Pioneer insinuates that Mr. Mann will dodge the vote on the Ship Canal." We made no such insinuation, for we were perfectly aware of Mr. Mann's determination in the matter. He will vote against the bill. By the way what could have induced the "Old North State" to take up the cudgel in defence of the Delegate from Pasquotank? There's something in the wind.

There has been a great noise lately made about the destitution prevailing in the laboring classes of New York consequent upon the discharge of several thousand from employment. The Know-Nothings quote this as evidence of the effect of pauper emigration to our shores. In regard to their recent revolutionary movement, and the true condition of things, the Journal of Commerce says:

"There is an anomalous state of affairs in this city, as concerns a large body of the working classes. They organize themselves into public meetings, and make affecting displays of their poverty, in long processions, representing that neither work nor money can be had, and intimating that nothing short of the contents of the provision stores and a division among them of the public property, can effectually relieve their distress. At the same time, the piers surrounding the city are without laborers, and merchants sit idle in their stores, vainly offering one dollar and a half a day for the services of the most ordinary workmen! Yesterday, a large merchant, aware that a meeting of laborers was to be held, instructed a person to attend the same, and announce that 500 men were wanted, at \$1.50 cents per day. As none afterwards presented themselves for employment, it is presumed they were too busy holding meetings, and making speeches, to attend to any actual work."

Our friend "C. E. B." throws a heavy load of errors on our shoulders, in the publication of his letter some time ago. Well, between us, we made it a pretty tough production. By the way, what does he mean by the word "satutory" in the annexed letter? It is written "satutory" very plainly, but we suspect it should be *salutary*.

## For the Democratic Pioneer.

Mr. Editor—I saw to day for the first time the "Democratic Pioneer" of the 31st of October, containing over my signature a communication on the mind, in which I find several very gross errors. Some of the sentences are entirely different from the original manuscript, and so changed as to convey no intelligible sentiment. In speaking of the mind, I am represented as having said "while flooding its way through abstruse and intricate paths" &c., which should be "while plodding its way" &c. Again: "but by my sympathetic skill we are not only enabled" &c., should be "but by my sympathetic skill," &c. Again: "those discoveries of celestial spheres which have eminently enriched that field of science," &c. Again: "To establish governments and enact laws for their solitary administration," &c., should be "to establish governments and enact laws for their solitary administration" &c., again "while progressing from its embryonic state to its present elevation as a science" &c., should be "while progressing from its embryonic state" &c. Again: "Whose lowering intellect" &c., should be whose "towering intellect" &c. I do not wonder at the necessity of a dictionary accompanying my communication, when I am represented as having used such unmeaning terms. You will, therefore, please make the above corrections, as a feeble amendment of the "hifalutin style" and I shall rest satisfied with the lost condition of your readers, so far, at least, as I have been concerned in leading them "amid the mountains of big words," until you have taught them by your dictionary how to make their way through the foggy region into which you have carried them by the use of your term "hifalutin." C. E. B.

Gates County, Jan. 5, 1855.

At a recent election in Pittsburg, Pa., for municipal officers, the Know Nothings were defeated by large odds. Also, in Maysville, Kentucky, this secret Order received a merited rebuke for daring to rear its head in an honest old Kentucky Southern community, the anti-Know Nothings carrying every member of the Council.

Oranges and Lemons are selling in the streets of New York, the former at one cent and the latter at half cent apiece.

A Convention of Christian Jews is to be held in the city of New York in May next.

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ere this, we have in our midst a new and interesting fact. A gentleman from the county of Chowan, who has been in the shackles of whiggery, 30 days of August last, that our but now cowed assailants, in their former garb, have attained to in attractive apparel, introduced a test style in abolition cities, with concealed beneath, in order to their darkness, and there rob of their Democrats who are too ignorant and sophisticated to suspect the injury to them.

Upon one of our most retired and there stands in gloomy and solitary, a spacious ware-house, and should not wonder, if the very mice had long since been driven to hospitable walls; if never before, now; for it seems to me impossible to present proud tenants, if it is prepared, I understand, for the production, which now and then are consigned to head-quarters. They are anticipated from this new traffic, more abundantly than in 1856. The torch have on hand a goodly stock of the third apartment, in which the is most "avfully" slaved.

But, Mr. Editor, to speak is the abode of know-nothingism. I know very little. For common states if secrecy be desired by a man, an unfrequented spot is the very place to be sought to hold their meetings, motives of a crowd repairing there, especially the motives of such a crowd, the know-nothings are compared to Edenton. But where they lodge, material. This communication is object especially to prevent if Democrats from suffering themselves so utterly deceived by those who the bitter hostility to Democracy are earnestly endeavoring to use its views, under the pretext of to Roman Catholicism, and the naturalization laws.

In the first place, Mr. Editor, I want need any Democrat in North Carolina, and especially in this section, the influence of the Roman church, and I suppose there are more than two dozen Roman Catholic districts—not more than two votes each in Edenton—and yet the Democrats deprecate their influence. They are predated of foreigners.

But they say, their principles are comprehensive, eminently national, look to their native place in the few unfortunate Democrats, it been added into union with the place, will find that their opposition not then be to Roman Catholicism, but to Democracy; and masters say, so then will they have. If those Democrats had been induced the least curiosity they would rent the veil, and behold within a very corpse of whiggery, being were by some magical influence a life and vigor. Shame upon the half-hearted an ally!

The merest glance at the result recent elections in the different States is sufficient to expose the true nature of this growing band of impostors, the unconstitutional and the hateful barrier behind which has crunched to escape the Democratic foe, is enough to deter a man from hasty alliance.

They propose to themselves the inevitable defeat of Dr. Shaw, excellent representative in Congress, of course be the next Democratic candidate because he is a Roman Catholic. No. It is because he is a foreigner. Is it because he has decided principles for either? No. It is because he stands upon the constitution; it is because he detests anything emanate from the hot-bed of Abolitionism. Know Nothingism undoes him. Yes. Can any one of the more Democrats who are know-nothings, and whom I heartily sympathize with, the most enthusiastic admirer of Shaw, go to the polls, and vote against him? But know-nothing can be scattered to the four winds ere that time arrives, and it is better for them.

I hope, Mr. Editor, you will excuse for my prolixity in my long letter to know-nothingism, you may hear from me again, my developments are necessarily long.

## ANTI-KNOW-NOTHING.

Edenton, Dec. 23, 1854. "The Southern Planter," for information to the farmer, the Editor, and the House-keeper. The form contains the announcement of R. Ruffin has become sole Editor of the "Planter." Price, Richmond, Va., for \$1 per annum, mending this publication to our friends.

SUBSCRIPTION BY SOUTHERN THE NOTHING POOR.—It appears slaves of Mobile, touched with the condition of the poor white men of New York and other Northern cities, are organizing a general subscription for relief. There are no more humane over people than Southern slaves; they are able to spare of their own for the supply of their fellow-men in the North, and we are glad to see them do so. In the midst of hominy and bacon, they open to the appeals of pity, and help creatures who have neither drink or clothe themselves with the example of the slaves of a favored class.

Dr. Ives, late Bishop of the Episcopal Church in New York, who last year went over to the Roman Catholic Church, has been appointed pastor of the Roman Catholic Church in New York.







THE SONG OF THE HAND.

I wash the steel so bright and keen,  
And plunge it in the boiling heart;  
I wipe the tear from sorrow's eye,  
And build the magic dome of art.  
I weave the pall and dig the grave,  
I give to merry music birth,  
I scourge the poor, and through the pen  
I speak to all the peopled earth;  
I forge the fetter of the slave,  
I bear the banner of the free,  
I press the sacramental cup,  
And rear the gloomy gallows tree,  
I grasp the gold and starve the poor,  
To build a church and pay for prayer;  
I saw that crucified Christ,  
I took the gold that Judas got,  
And hung the traitor on a tree;  
I tied the chord about his neck,  
And set his guilty spirit free,  
And in the senate-house of Rome,  
I saw immortal Caesar slain;  
And thrice I bathed me in the gore  
That Brutus' friendly dagger drew.  
And many a pious saint since then  
Fast to the burning stake I've tied;  
And heaped the burning fagots round,  
And mocked them as in pain they've died.  
But all the merry deeds I've done,  
Obedient to my master, Man,  
I could not tell were I to sing  
Until my judgment day began.

YOUNG LAWYERS.

A young lawyer being asked if he practiced speech making much, replied, "I am at it every morning. Immediately on leaving out of my bed, I convert my chamber into the court. I stick that old portrait of father's before the glass, and there's my lord staring me full in the face. On my right I establish a row of boots—these are the gentlemen of the jury; on my left is the cup-board, or witness-box, while on the chairs before me are seated a lot of my learned friends.

Well, I conceive the case opened.—It's an action for anything—say for breach of promise, and then I begin. If I'm for the plaintiff, of course I pile up the pathetic; if I'm for the defendant, I reduce the thing to a mere bagatelle. For the plaintiff I describe in tones and strains which bring tears into the eyes of the row of boots—I mean the intelligent gentlemen of the jury—how passionately she loved the defendant, how and black hearted defendant. If for him I transfer her affections to his pocket, and undertake to show that she never loved him at all. And I'm as likely to be right in the one case as in the other, for how can I tell whether she loved him or not.

In case of this kind, however, give me the plaintiff. I see a tear starting in every eye, I hear the ladies sighing and sobbing all around me—and while the intelligent men of the jury are blowing their noses with unexpressed violence, lest it should be thought that they could shed a tear, I behold the judge working his facial muscles up, his mouth into all sorts of shapes, as if from the depths of his emotion he would say, "I'll tell you what it is, I can't stand this much longer."

WOMAN'S MISSION.—Woman, permit me to say, is the mystery as well as the masterpiece of God's creation! When she is a true woman she is charming under all circumstances. But her sphere is endurance rather than action; and secondarily nature has gifted her with fortitude far surpassing ours. She best answers the ordinary purposes of her creation, as well as best serves her own happiness by making herself as agreeable as possible to our rougher sex. This can only be effected by means of the softer graces and accomplishments; for, I take it, there is no object more unnatural, and, therefore, more revolting to a true man than a masculine woman. My idea certainly is to give her such an education as will best develop the peculiar charms and characteristics of her sex. I should treat a young girl with great tenderness. Give her such physical training as is necessary for her health. I like to see the delicate bloom of the rose upon her cheeks, but not too red a glow. But be gentle with them, my dear madam, be gentle.—Extract from *Life*.

THE HOURS OF LABOR.—A bill has been introduced into the New York Legislature which contains these provisions:  
Section 1. Makes ten hours a legal day's labor in all cases.  
Section 2. No one shall employ a child under ten years of age.  
Section 3. No one shall employ a child under fifteen years of age to work over five hours a day.  
Section 4. Persons employing children shall see that they attend school five half days each week.  
Section 5. Guardians shall bind out children under the above provisions.  
Section 6. Agriculturists shall give children in their employ at least four months' schooling each year.  
Section 7. The penalty is five dollars for each day's violation. The act to take effect on the 4th of July, 1855.

A maiden lady in Georgetown some fifteen years beyond twenty asked a waggish cousin his opinion of fashionable private parties. After some little hesitation he replied: "Well, coz, my opinion is that—that—that they are mock auctions for the sale of ugly young girls and—(placing himself in an attitude for a bold retreat) and old maids." It is needless to say that his hasty retreat was at that saved his head from the vengeance of the brow-stick.

COMPLIMENTARY.—An exchange compliments a contributor as follows:  
"Old Kentuck," says, "some folks think I was born a poet? I send you the enclosed verses and should like your opinion." "Well 'Old Kentuck,' to speak honestly we think you were born a fool instead of a poet. There is not much difference between the two, it is true, but little there is, is against you.

An Irish tailor making a gentleman's coat and vest too small was ordered to take them home and let them out. Some days after the tailor told the gentleman that his garments happening to fit a countryman of his, he had let them out at a shilling per week.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

In presenting ourselves to our patrons and the public at this time, we again have to acknowledge the obligations we are under to the liberal manner in which we have been sustained. At a time of our business career, which is now of three years' standing, we have our prospects before us, and we have no doubt that our business principles of justice, equity and truth, we are well aware that a prosperous and respectable business cannot be done unless inducements are offered; these we have offered, and will continue to offer in such a manner as to give pleasure and satisfaction to ourselves as well as essential advantages to the community at large. We much regret that circumstances have prevented us from establishing facilities for the present wants of our customers and a public demand. We have been and are continually doing what our position and resources will warrant in perfecting our means, supply, and appropriating a reasonable proportion of our net profits for that object; we being determined that our establishment shall not degenerate for the want of care and attention, and shall ever be the most thorough and perfect of its kind in this State.

If life and health are permitted, and success attend our exertions, we hope to be able to show an establishment in a few years that will be an honor to ourselves and a monument to the good old city that gave us birth.

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FALL & WINTER STOCK.

Consisting of every article found in a well regulated Dry Goods and Grocery Store. My stock of Ladies' Goods were selected with great care, and I flatter myself that an examination of them will please all who wish any thing. The Ladies are requested to give me a call, and judge for themselves. Where the stock is large I think it useless to enumerate. Suffice to say that I have a splendid assortment from Calico at 8 cents, to the most magnificent Silks.

GRANT'S PATENT PREMIUM GRAIN CRADLES.

THE SUBSCRIBER is sole agent in this city of these superior Cradles. Farmers in need of a good article can easily rely on strong and substantial as well as light and easy cutting implements. The fingers are bent from young white oak and hickory, and have set screws for adjusting the fingers to the sheath. By this arrangement they can be altered in less than a minute, and no danger of losing wedges, &c., which are generally used on the common article. Each finger has a separate wire running through the sheath, making it strong and independent of the other. We can but recommend them as being the best CRADLE ever offered to the public. We have been selling them for two seasons past, and our sales are increasing each year to a considerable extent. Our supply for the ensuing season will be received from the manufacturer, and all orders (which should be sent in early) will be filled at this price. The BLADES attached to these Cradles are made expressly for them, and under his supervision, so that they may not lose their reputation by an inferior Blade.

FIRE WORKS OF EVERY SHAPE AND SIZE.

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FALL STOCK OF TIN WARE, STOVES, &c.

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